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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (previously presented) Method for the drainage of laundry, the laundry being spun in a drum (11) capable of being driven in rotation, and, at the same time, liquid contained in the laundry being as far as possible removed from the latter, **characterized** in that the drum (11) is driven at a circumferential speed such that a centrifugal acceleration which is higher than 600 times gravitational acceleration acts on the laundry.

2. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 1, **characterized** in that, during loading of the drum with the laundry, the laundry is distributed as uniformly as possible onto an inner circumference of the drum (11).

3. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 1, **characterized** in that loading of the drum is carried out with the drum (11) rotating at a speed which is reduced as compared with drainage.

4. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 1, **characterized** in that the drum (11) is loaded in a position in which drainage of the laundry also takes place, with a longitudinal mid-axis (17) or axis of rotation of the drum (11) running approximately horizontally.

5. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 4, **characterized** in that, to unload the drained laundry, the drum (11) is pivoted into an unloading position by means of an oblique position of the longitudinal mid-axis (17) or axis of rotation with respect to the horizontal, the longitudinal mid-axis (17) or axis of rotation being inclined downwards in the direction of a loading and unloading orifice (18) of the drum (11).

6. (currently amended) Method according to Claim 1, **characterized** in that, after loading of the drum (11) with the laundry, rotational speed of the drum is increased quickly and continuously, in that an electric motor (21) of a drive (15) of the drum (11) is operated with ~~its~~ a maximum torque during the run-up of the rotational speed of the drum (11).

7. (previously presented) Device for the drainage of laundry, with a drum (11) for receiving a laundry batch, the said drum being capable of being driven about an axis of rotation by means of a drive (15), the drum (11) having a cylindrical surface area (20) which is at least partially liquid-permeable, **characterized** in that the drive (15) is designed to generate a pressing force corresponding to at least 600 times gravitational acceleration, for pressing the laundry against the inside of the surface area (20).

8. (currently amended) Device according to Claim 7, **characterized** in that the drum (11) has a dynamic centre of gravity that, together with rotatable parts of the drive (15), is arranged at least near a static centre of gravity of the drum (11) and ~~preferably~~ of the drive (15).

9. (previously presented) Device according to Claim 8, **characterized** in that the drum (11) is designed to be short in relation to the diameter and/or the drive (15) is of short design, and the drive (15) is assigned to the drum (11) in such a way that the static centre of gravity of the drum (11) and of the drive (15) is located in the region of the drum (11) on the longitudinal mid-axis (17) of the latter.

10. (currently amended) Device for the drainage of laundry, with a drum (11) for receiving a laundry batch, the said drum being capable of being driven in rotation about a longitudinal mid-axis (17) by means of a drive (15), **characterized** in that the drum (11) can be pivoted about a pivot axis (39) running perpendicularly through ~~its~~ the longitudinal mid-axis (17) and the pivoting drive (16) is mounted directly at one end of the pivot axis (39) on at least one axle stub (40).

11. (previously presented) Device according to Claim 10, **characterized** in that the pivot axis (39) runs horizontally, and the longitudinal mid-axis (17) of the drum likewise runs horizontally in a drainage and/or loading position of the latter.

12. (cancelled).

13. (currently amended) Device for the drainage of laundry, with a drum (11) for receiving a laundry batch, the said drum being capable of being driven in rotation by means of a drive (15), the drum (11) having a ~~preferably~~ cylindrical surface area (20) which is provided with a grid of liquid-permeable orifices, **characterized** in that at least part of the cylindrical surface area (20) has a grid of orifices such that the area of all the orifices amounts to ~~at least 15%~~ between 20% and 30% of the cylindrical surface area (20) of the drum (11).

14. (previously presented) Device according to Claim 13, **characterized** in that the orifices are formed by identical cylindrical passage bores (19) with a diameter of about 2 to 4 mm.

15. (currently amended) Device according to Claim 13, **characterized** in that the wall thickness of at least the cylindrical surface area (20) of the drum (11) ~~amounts to~~ is 4 to 8 mm~~, preferably about 5 mm~~.

16. (previously presented) Device according to Claim 14, **characterized** in that the passage bores (19) have centre points and have spacings with respect to their centre points (division) in a longitudinal and/or circumferential direction of the cylindrical surface area (20) of the drum (11), the spacings being approximately identical or different by a maximum of 10% of the diameter of the drum (11).

17. (previously presented) Device for the drainage of laundry, with a drum (11) for receiving a laundry batch, the said drum being capable of being driven in rotation by means of a drive (15), and with a plinth (14) carrying the drum (11) via a bearing stand (13), **characterized** in that the plinth (14) is designed at least partially as a storage tank for liquid removed from the laundry.

18. (previously presented) Device according to Claim 17, **characterized** in that the storage tank is designed for receiving at least the liquid quantity occurring during a drainage operation.

19. (previously presented) Device according to Claim 17, **characterized** in that the storage tank is connected in a liquid-carrying manner to an outer drum (12) surrounding the drum (11), for intercepting the liquid separated from the laundry by the drum (11).

20. (previously presented) Device according to Claim 13, **characterized** in that the orifices are formed by identical cylindrical passage bores (19) with a diameter of about 3 mm.

21. (previously presented) Device according to Claim 14, **characterized** in that the passage bores (19) have centre points and have spacings with respect to their centre points (division) in a longitudinal and/or circumferential direction of the cylindrical surface area (20) of the drum (11), the spacings being approximately identical or different by a maximum of 0.3% to 1.0% of the diameter of the drum (11).

22. (previously presented) Device according to Claim 14, **characterized** in that the passage bores (19) have centre points and have spacings with respect to their centre points (division) in a longitudinal and/or circumferential direction of the cylindrical surface area (20) of the drum (11), the spacings being approximately identical or different by a maximum of 0.5% to 0.8% of the diameter of the drum (11).

23. (previously presented) Device according to Claim 17, **characterized** in that the storage tank is designed for receiving at least double the liquid quantity occurring during a drainage operation.

24. (new) Device according to Claim 13, **characterized** in that the wall thickness of at least the cylindrical surface area (20) of the drum (11) amounts to about 5 mm.